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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2005

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 8, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2005, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.